

The effect of certayne braunches of the Statute

made in Anno. xxxiii. Henr. viii. touching the mayntenaunce of Artillery, and the punishment of such as vse
or maynteyne vnlawfull games, very necessary to be put in execution.



First, that all fathers, gouernours, and rulers, of such as be of tender age, do teache and brynge by them in the knowledge of shotynge. And that every man, hauinge a man childe or men children in his house, shall prouide, or dayne, a haue in his house for every man childe, beyng of the age of. vii. yerres and aboue, till he shall come to the age of. xviij. yerres, a bowe and. ii. wastes, to induce and learne them and brynge them by in shotynge, and shall deliuer all the same bowe and arrowes to the same younge men, to vse and occupy: And if the same younge men be seruautes, that then they masters shall abate the money that they shall paye for the same bowes and arrowes, of they wages. And after all suche younge men shall come to the age of. xviij. yerres, every of them shall prouide and haue a bowe and. iiii. arrowes, continually for hym selfe at his proper costes and charges, or els of the gyfte or prouision of his frendes, and vse and occupy the same in shotynge, as is before reherfed.

And if the master suffer any of his seruautes, takynge wages, beyng in his housholde, and vnder the age of. xviij. yerres, or the father suffer anye of his sonnes, beyng in his housholde, and vnder the age of. xviij. yerres, to lacke a bowe and two arrowes, contrary to the fourme of this estatute, by the space of one moneth together, then the master or father in whom such negligence shalbe, shall for every such default forsaite. vi. s. viii. d. And that every seruaunt passynge the age of. xviij. yerres, and vnder the age of. lx. yerres, and takynge wages, whiche can or is able to shote, and shall lacke a bowe and. iiii. arrowes by the space of one moneth together, shall for every such default forsaite and lose. vi. s. viii. d.

Item, that no person by hym selfe, factor, Deputie, Seruaunt, or other person, shal for his or theyr gayne, lucre, or luyryng, kepe, haue, holde, occupy, exercise, or mayntayne any common Howse, Alley, or place of Bowlynge, Coptynge, Cloise, Coiles, halfe Bowle, Tennyss, Disynge, Table or Cardynge, or any other manner of game prohibited by any statute hertofore made, or any vnlawful newe game nowe inuented or made, or hereafter to be inuented, founde, had, or made, bypon payne to forsaite and pay for every day keepynge, hauynge, maynteynyng, or sufferynge, any suche game to be had, kept, executed, played, or maynteyned, within any such House, Garden, Alley, or other place, contrary to the fourme and effect of this estatute. xl. s. And the players so taken, to pay for every tyme. vi. s. viii. d.

Item, that the Iustices of peace, and every Maior, Shyrriffe, Bayliffe, Constable, or other head officer, haue auctoritie to enter into all places aswell within fraunches as els where, and the persons offendynge in any of the premises, to take and put in prison, vntill suche tyme they put in suerties no more to suffer, occupy, or commyt the sayde offences.

Item, that the Maiors, Shyrriffes, Bayliffes, Constables, and other head officers within every Citty, Borough, and Towne, within this Realme, where any such officers shall fortune to be, aswell within the fraunches as without, shall make due search wekely, or at the furthest at all tymes hereafter once every moneth, in all places where any such Houses, Alleys, playe or playes shalbe suspected to be had, kept, and maynteyned. And if the sayde Maiors, Shyrriffes, Bayliffes, Constables, and other head officers, within theyr Citties, Boroughs, and Townes, aswell within fraunches as without, do not make due searche at the furthest once every moneth, if the case so require, accordyng to the tenor of this Act, and do not execute the same in all thynges accordyng to the purpote and force of the same: that then every such Maior, Shyrriffe, Bayliffe, Constable, or other head officer, to pay and forsaite for every moneth not makynge suche search, nor executynge the same. xl. s.

Item, that no Artificer, or handy craftes man of any occupation, Husbandman, Apprentice, Labourer, seruaunt of husbandry, Joyneyman, or seruaunt, or Artificer, Waryner, Fisherman, Waterman, or any seruyng man, may vse any vnlawfull game.

Item, that all that playe at Bowles or any other vnlawfull game in the fieldes, to lose for every suche tyme. vi. s. viii. d. and to be commytted to prison, vnto such tyme they put in suerties no more to vse the same.

Item, this statute to be proclaimed. iiii. tymes every yere, and the lyke to be done in al assyses and sessions, and to continue for euer.

Memorandum, that there is a prouiso in this statute, for al men of woorth which may dispende. C. li. yerealy and bywardes, may vse these games with discretion at theyr pleasures.